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First Named Inventor	Cao et al.
Art Unit	1619
Examiner Name	Yu, G
Attorney Docket Number	1928.PC

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PERSONAL CARE APPLICATIONS

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Examiner: YU, G

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2002, and the Advisory Action dated June 14, 2002, Applicant is submitting a Request for Continued Examination and the following Preliminary Amendment. Please consider the amendment and the Remarks that follow.

What is claimed is:

Please cancel claims 1-25, and add the following claims: